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SUBJECT: MAY 22 TPJMC MEETING: GVN 7- POINT PROPOSAL AND ADDI-
TIONAL POINTS OF ENTRY

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1. MAY 23 ENGLISH- LANGUAGE EVENING EDITION OF OFFICIAL VIETNAM
PRESS (VP) GIVES ACCOUNT OF MAY 22 TPJMC MEETING, WITH TEXT
OF GVN 7- POINT PROPOSAL. VP VERSION OF SEVEN POINTS SUB-
STANTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT REPORTED REFTEL, BUT EVEN SKETCHIER
IN FORM. TEXT OF VP ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE RVN DELEGATION TO THE TWO- PARTY JOINT MILITARY COM-
MISSION (JMC) AT A MEETING OF CHIEF DELEGATE LEAVEL TUESDAY
MORNING SET FORTH A SEVEN- POINT PROPOSAL TO HELP WIPE OUT
DEADLCOK A JMC MEETINGS DUE TO THE COMMUNISTS' REFUSAL OF DIS-
CUSSIONS.

MILITARY SPOKESMAN LT. COLONEL LE TRUNG HIEN SAID AT A
PRESS BRIEFING AT THE INFORMATION CENTER TUESDAY AFTERNOON THAT THE
RVN NEW PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED TO THE JMC MEETING BY GENERAL
PAHN HOA HIEP, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE RVN DELEGATION TO JMC WITH
SEVEN MAIN POINTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. AN APPEAL OF THE FOUR PARTY JMC AT HIGH LEVEL IS NEEDED.
2. FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS APPEAL,

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ALL SIDES IMMEDIATELY CEASE FIRING AND REMAIN AT THEIR OWN POSITION.

3. FIXING CONTROL LIMITS FOR MILITARY UNITS OF PLATOON LEVEL.

4. UNITS OF ALL SIDES MUST WITHDRAW TO THEIR POSITION BEFORE
THE CEASE - FIRE DAY JANUARY 27.

5. DEVELOPING TEAMSN AREAS OF THE TWO- PARTY JOINT MILITARY
COMMISSION.

6. URGENTLY APPLYING INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES AGREED UPON BY
BOTH SIDES.

7. DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM OF MEETINGS OF FIELD COMMANDERS
AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE- SAID SIX POINTS.

HOWEVER, LT. COLONEL HIEN ADDED, THE COMMUNIST SIDE GAVE
NO ANSWER TO THIS PROPOSAL WHICH SHOWS THE RVN' S GOODWILL TO
HELP PROMOTE ACTIVITIES OF THE TWO- PARTY JMC.

ACCORDING TO THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN, FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS,
THE TWO- PARTY JMC DISCUSSED THREE PROBLEMS: CEASE- FIRE, MEET-
INGS OF FIELD COMMANDERS AND EXCHANGE OF WAR PRISONERS AND
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, BUT THE DISCUSSION YIELDED NO RESULTS DUE TO THE
OTHER SIDE' S STUBBORNNESS EXCEPT EXCHANGE OF SOME CIVILIAN
PRISONERS.

MEANWHILE, THE COMMUNISTS MADE ALLEGATIONS ON THE U. S.
BOMBINGS OF COMMUNIST- CONTROLLED AREAS ALONG THE VIETNAM
BORDERS AND INTENTIONALLY IGNORED COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM' S
MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS AND WEAPONS INTO THE RVN TERRITORY. END
QUOTE

2. FBIS 221412 Z GIVES ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF MAY 22 MEETING, WHICH
ADDS NOTE ON GVN DESIGNATION OF BIEN HOA, QUI NHON, AND VUNG
TAU AS THREE ADDITIONAL POINTS OF ENTRY FOR RECEIPT OF REPLACE-
MENT ARMAMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF PROTOCOL ON CEASE- FIRE.
RELEVANT PORTION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

MOREOVER, THE RVN DELEGATION TO THE TWO- PARTY JMC AD-
VANCED ANOTHER PROPOSAL CALLING ON THE TWO PARTIES TO CITE THREE
ADDITIONAL PORTS SO AS TO HAVE SIX PORTS, AS STIPULATED. WHEN
THE RVN ADVANCED THREE ADDITIONAL PLACES, WHICH ARE BIEN HOA,
QUI NHON AND VU TAU, THE COMMUNIST SIDE CONTINUED TO
REFUSE TO NAME ANY PORT. END QUOTE

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